

Questions to Ask: CSAP's Checklist for Program Fit

- Is the program appropriate for the **population** identified in the community needs assessment and community logic model? Has the program been implemented successfully with the same or a similar population? Are the population differences likely to compromise the results?
- Is the program delivered in a **setting** similar to the one planned by your community? In what ways is the context different? Are the differences likely to compromise the program's effectiveness?
- Is the program **culturally appropriate**? Did members of the culturally identified group participate in developing it? Were program materials adapted to the culturally identified group?
- Are program **materials** (e.g., manuals, procedures) available to guide implementation? Are training and technical assistance available to support implementation? Are monitoring or evaluation tools available to help track implementation quality?
- Is the program **culturally feasible**, given the values of the community?
- Is the program **politically feasible**, given the local power structure and priorities of the implementing organization? Does the program match the mission, vision, and culture of the implementing organization?
- Is the program **administratively feasible**, given the policies and procedures of the implementing organization?
- Is the program **technically feasible**, given staff capabilities, time commitments, and program resources?
- Is the program **financially feasible**, given the estimated costs of implementation (including costs for purchase of implementation materials and specialized training or technical assistance)?

Thoughtful consideration and discussion of the above questions will be helpful in identifying the right program.